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SUBJECT: FY 2022 Boilerplate Report – Fraud Prevention Operations

Pursuant to P.A. 87 of 2021, section 949, subsection 2, the following information is being provided as an update regarding the fraud prevention program within the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Using the identity confirmation batch process through the contract with Experian Information Solutions, Inc. 30,000 suspicious returns were stopped, totaling over \$41.8 million in refunds that were not issued by the State of Michigan during the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

Between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022 there was \$866,463 expended on fraud prevention operations. This amount includes costs for the identity confirmation process, call center, consulting services and system enhancements.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kyle Thelen, State Assistant Administrator, Tax Compliance Bureau, at (517) 636-4269.